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Manning to Serve as CMR Spring Guest Speaker

Summary: Jimmie Manning will be the spring guest speaker for the Communication, Media, and Rhetoric Discipline.

(April 11, 2013)-Jimmie Manning, assistant professor of organizational/corporate communication at Northern Illinois University (NIU), will be the spring guest speaker for the Communication, Media, and Rhetoric Discipline. Manning will present on the topic "Fear of a Digital Planet: Overcoming the Anxieties of a Computer-Mediated World" on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in Humanities Fine Arts 6. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is intended for a general audience. All are welcome.

As advances in digital technology allow faster interaction than ever before, people continue to be alarmed at some of the personal domains that are becoming computer-mediated. From online dating and email hoaxes to online predators, cyberbullying, and identity theft, Manning explores some of the many fears that face Internet users as they navigate life in an increasingly computer-mediated world. He argues that some of the things feared most about online communication may not pose a threat at all, while others taken for granted may be cause for alarm.

Manning is in his first year at NIU, having joined the faculty after serving six years as a professor at Northern Kentucky University. He holds a PhD in Communication Studies, a GC in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and a MA in Communication Studies from the University of Kansas. He earned a BA in English and Ethnic/Gender Studies, a BFA in Dramatic Arts, and a BSE in Communication and Social Sciences from Emporia State University. Manning has been honored with the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Early Professional Leadership Award and the Applegate Award for Excellence in Research.

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